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For: **Flow-Through Shear Analyser For  
Biologically Active Molecules in  
Liquid Layers on Surfaces**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

The Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
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To whom it may concern:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated May 16, 2003. Please enter the following:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims ~~51~~, and ~~59-61~~ without prejudice as these claims may be pursued in a divisional application.

**RESTRICTION/ELECTION**

The Office considered that the claims as amended per Preliminary Amendment (filed November 22, 2000) would be drawn to three patentably distinct inventions and requested restriction to one of the three groups as established by the Examiner (Group I: Claims 32-50 and 52-58; Group II: Claim 51; and Group III: Claims 59-61). The applicant respectfully disagrees. Nevertheless, the applicant **elects Group I without traverse** with claims 32-50 and 52-58 reading on Group I. Consequently, claims 51, and 59-61 are canceled.